

Date: January 25, 2017

FOR YOUR INFORMATION MEMO

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Harry Black, City Manager **HB**

Subject: 2016 Crime Numbers

Attached you will find the 2016 year-end crime statistics.

I am glad to report that in 2016 violent crime, including homicides (12.7% reduction) and shootings (11.1% reduction), and property crime were down. We also experienced the benefits of the PIVOT strategy, which represents a new and encouraging tool at our disposal allowing us to systematically identify and address places contributing to violence.

With your strong support, we continue to work to ensure the men and women of our police force have the resources needed to effectively combat crime and foster Safer Streets.

We have, or are in the process of:

- Solidified the executive leadership team under Chief Isaac leading to stability and improvements in officer morale.
- Graduated four new police recruit classes (a total of 148 graduates) since 2014 representing the first new recruit classes since 2008. A fifth new police recruit class (30 members) is underway.
- Invested in new police cruisers including 53 new Ford Interceptors as part of the Capital Acceleration Program, and have more on the way.
- Invested heavily in police cruiser technology allowing better and more efficient communications in potentially life threatening situations.
- Negotiated and approved a new 3-year FOP contract.
- Implementing a best in class Body Worn Camera program.
- Operationalized PoliceStat, in partnership with the Office of Performance & Data Analytics, whereby detailed crime statistics in all parts of the City are reviewed twice a month.

- Implemented the Place Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories (PIVOT) strategy.
- Enhanced transparency by adding new data sets and dashboards to the City's website. More will be released this year.

These actions represent a strong commitment to Safer Streets and the fine men and woman of our police force.

Conclusion

While progress has been made, the root causes of crime are deep, complex and crime fighting only represents part of the response. Transparency, accountability and community buy-in are also critical components. Sustaining and growing any success on this front remains challenging and will require a continued sense of urgency.

I want to recognize Chief Isaac and his team for their steadfast effort and commitment and for their fine work in creating this report.

We will continue to engage with you on strategies to combat crime and enhance the well-being of all our residents.

Attachment

January 20, 2017

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Harry Black, City Manager
From: Colonel Eliot K. Isaac, Police Chief
Subject: 2016 Crime Summary & Year End Report

At the end of every year, the Cincinnati Police Department conducts a review of its crime statistics. The review focuses on serious crime categories commonly referred to as Part I crime, which for police reporting purposes includes: Criminal Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Larceny Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft

Upon conclusion, violent crime and property crimes were down with significant decreases in homicides and shootings for 2016. Cincinnati experienced **five-year lows in total Part I crime categories which experienced a decrease of 5.9%** from 2015 and a **13.4% decrease** as compared to the five-year average.

Part I Property Crimes

Part I Property Crimes is down 6.8% compared to 2015 with a **13.9% decrease** as compared to the five-year average.

Part I Violent Crime

Specifically in 2016, the City saw a slight uptick (0.6%) in Part I Violent Crimes from 2015. Despite this slight increase, **violent crime is significantly down by almost 600 incidents or 9.8%** compared to the 5-year average. The results for violent crime categories is even more encouraging considering most major cities saw significant increases in shootings and homicides where the City of Cincinnati achieved **double-digit reductions in both major categories**:

- **11.1% decrease in Fatal and Non-Fatal Shootings** as compared to 2015;
- **All homicides down 12.7%** as compared to 2015 with a 5.5% decrease as compared to 2011

The Department remains committed to fighting crime and improving neighborhoods. Last year, the Department implemented a new strategy, PIVOT to dismantle offender and place-based criminal networks. PIVOT stands for Place-Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories. PIVOT serves as a valuable component to the overall Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence.

As a compound problem-solving process, PIVOT has focused on finding ways to reduce shootings and weapon-related violence in locations where violence had been concentrated and persistent. Key components of this strategy focus on partnerships, engagement with all City departments and community stakeholders, identification of networks of places that facilitate violence, and problem-solving for crime prevention.

The City saw significant reductions in the PIVOT focus areas. Overall, the following was accomplished during 2016:

- Approximately 70% reduction in violence score for Baltimore & McHenry zone from pre-project to current
- Approximately 20% reduction in violence score for Harrison & McHenry zone from pre-project to current
- 13 fewer gunshot victims in East Westwood (Baltimore & McHenry) in 2016 (5) vs. 2015 (18)
- 136 days since the last shooting in East Westwood
- 6 fewer gunshot victims in Villages of Roll Hill (neighborhood adjoining East Westwood, near PIVOT location) in 2016 (0) vs. 2015 (6)

I would like to acknowledge that we have been able to make significant strides in large part due to the commitment of the men and women of the Police Department, the support of strong community partners and neighborhood stakeholders in addition to the tremendous support from the City. Together, we are committed to further improving the quality of life and attacking crime conditions in our neighborhoods.

Attachment



2016 Year End Part I Crime Review

Colonel Eliot K. Isaac
Police Chief

January 25, 2017

PART 1 CRIME

VIOLENT CRIMES: HOMICIDE, RAPE, ROBBERY, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

PROPERTY CRIMES: BURGLARY / BE, THEFT FROM AUTO, PERSONNEL
/ OTHER THEFT, AUTO THEFT

PART 1 CRIME

2011 - 2016

-5.9%

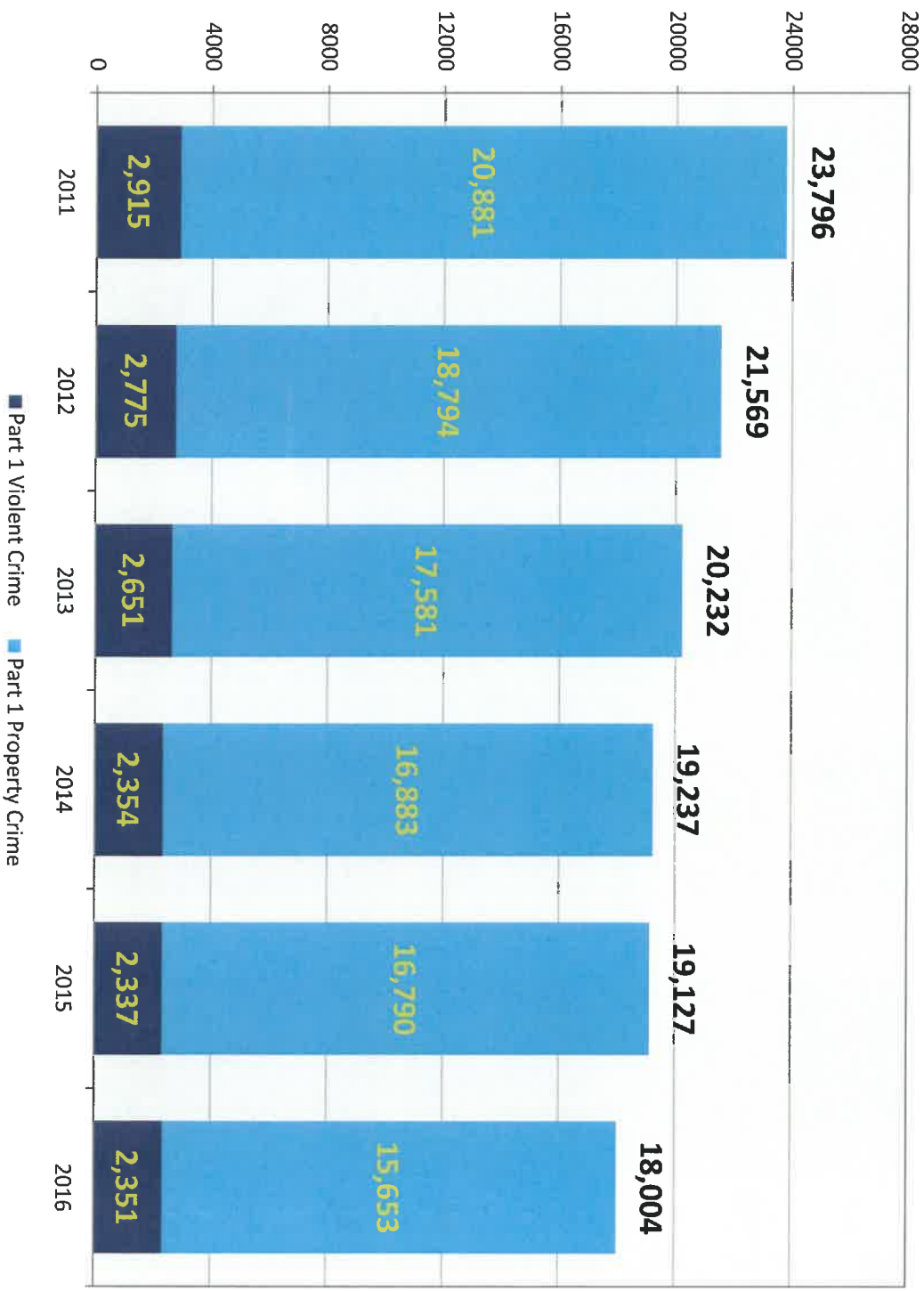
compared to
2015

-7.8%

compared to
3-year avg

-13.4%

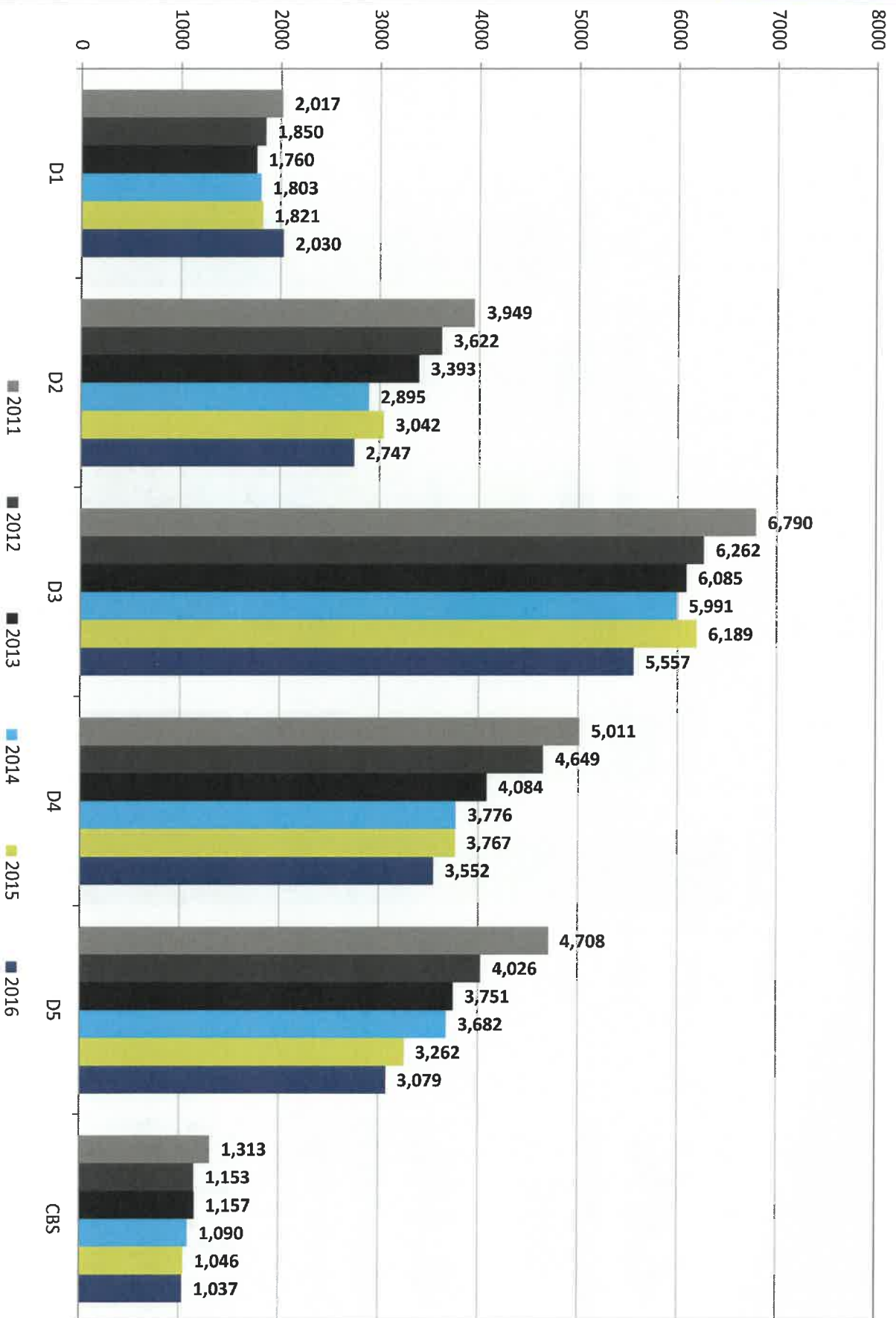
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Part 1 Crimes (% of total) by District: 2011 - 2016



Part 1 Crime Counts by District: 2011 - 2016



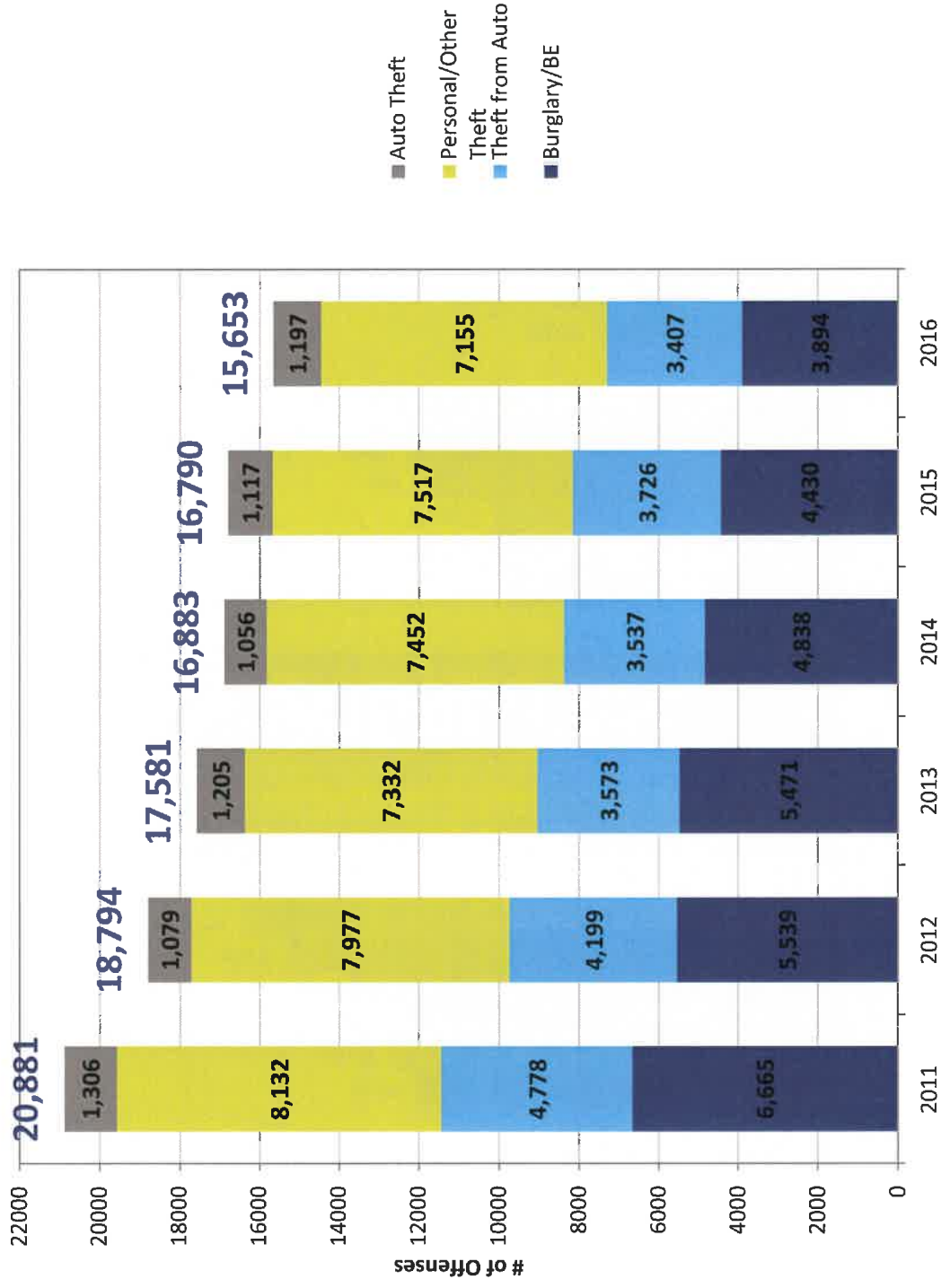
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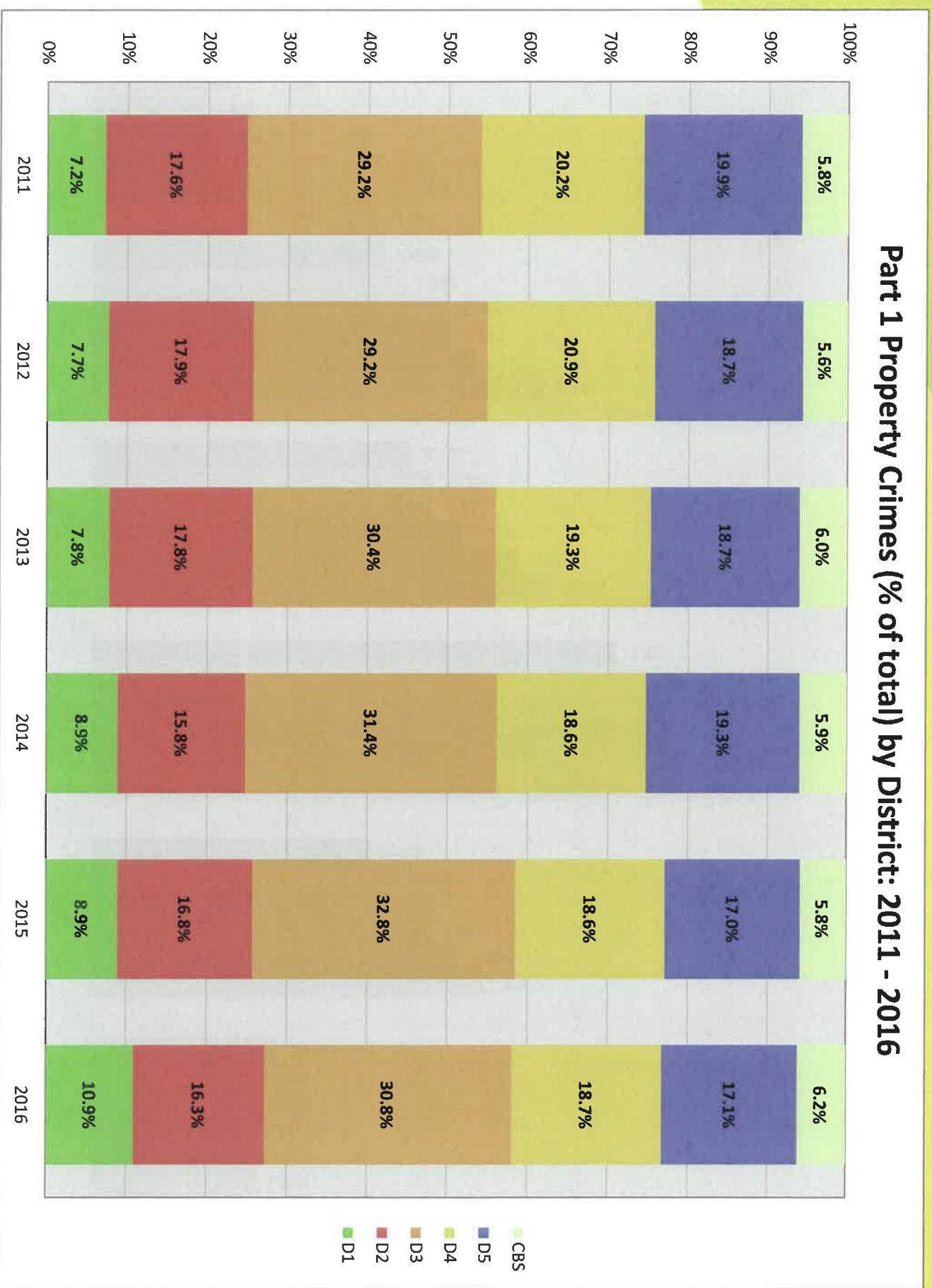
-6.8%
compared to
2015

-8.4%
compared to
3-year avg

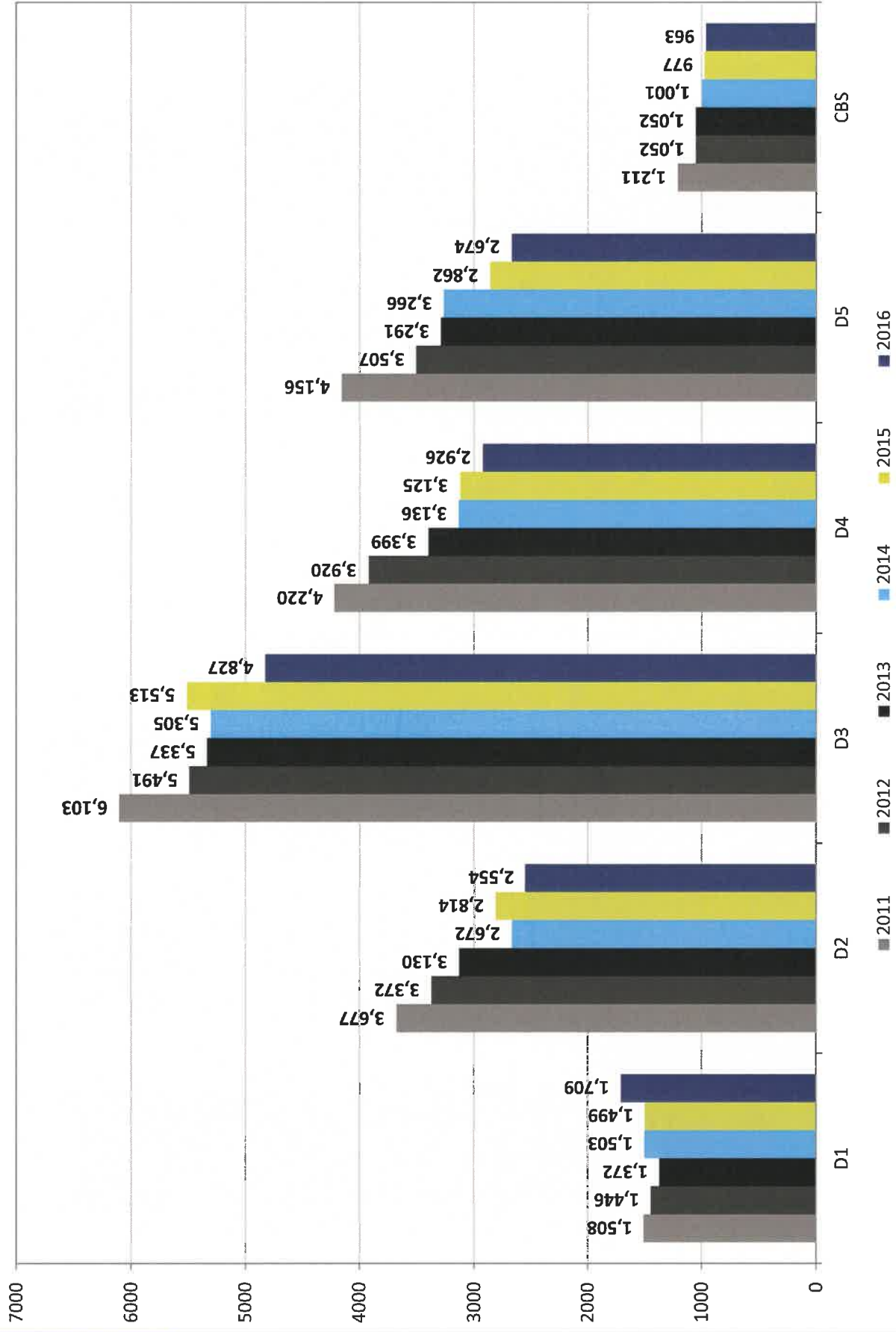
-13.9%
compared to
5-year avg



Part 1 Property Crimes (% of total) by District: 2011 - 2016



Part 1 Property Crime Counts by District: 2011 - 2016



PART 1 VIOLENT CRIMES

2011 - 2016

+0.6%

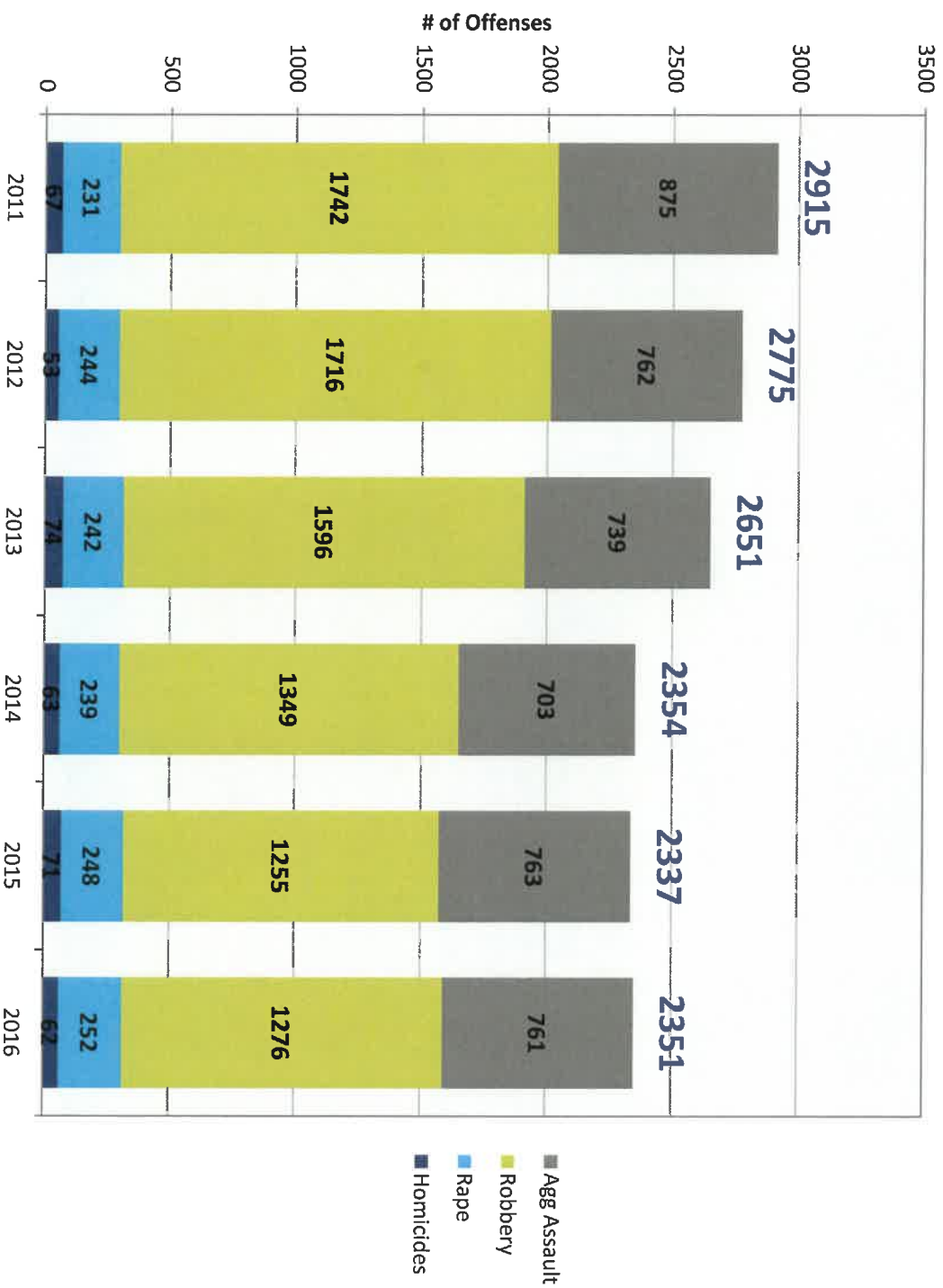
compared to
2015

-3.9%

compared to
3-year avg

-9.8%

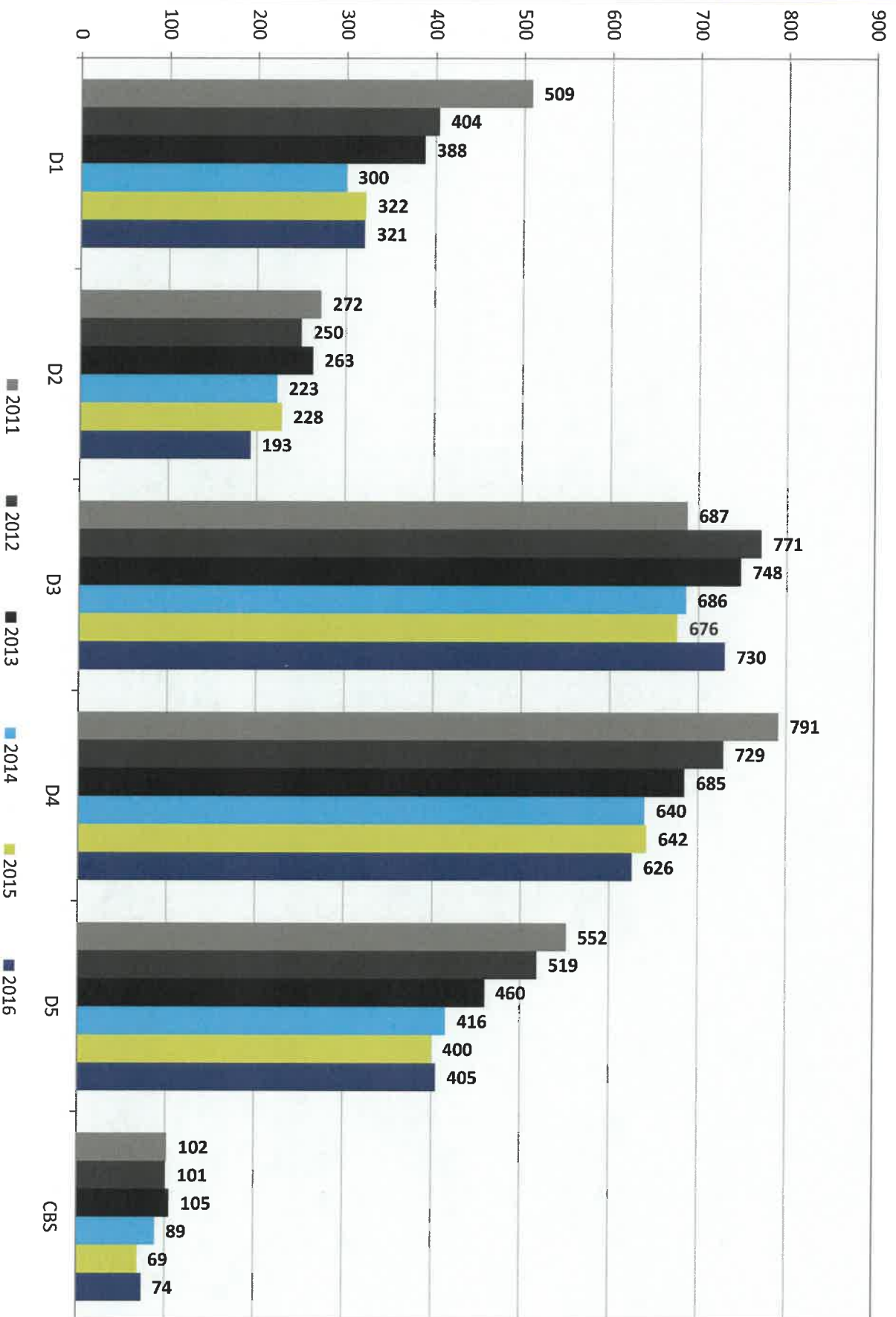
compared to
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Part 1 Violent Crimes (% of total) by District: 2011 - 2016



Part 1 Violent Crime Counts by District: 2011 - 2016



HOMICIDES*

2011 - 2016

*EXCLUDING HOMICIDES UNDER THE TRAFFIC CODE

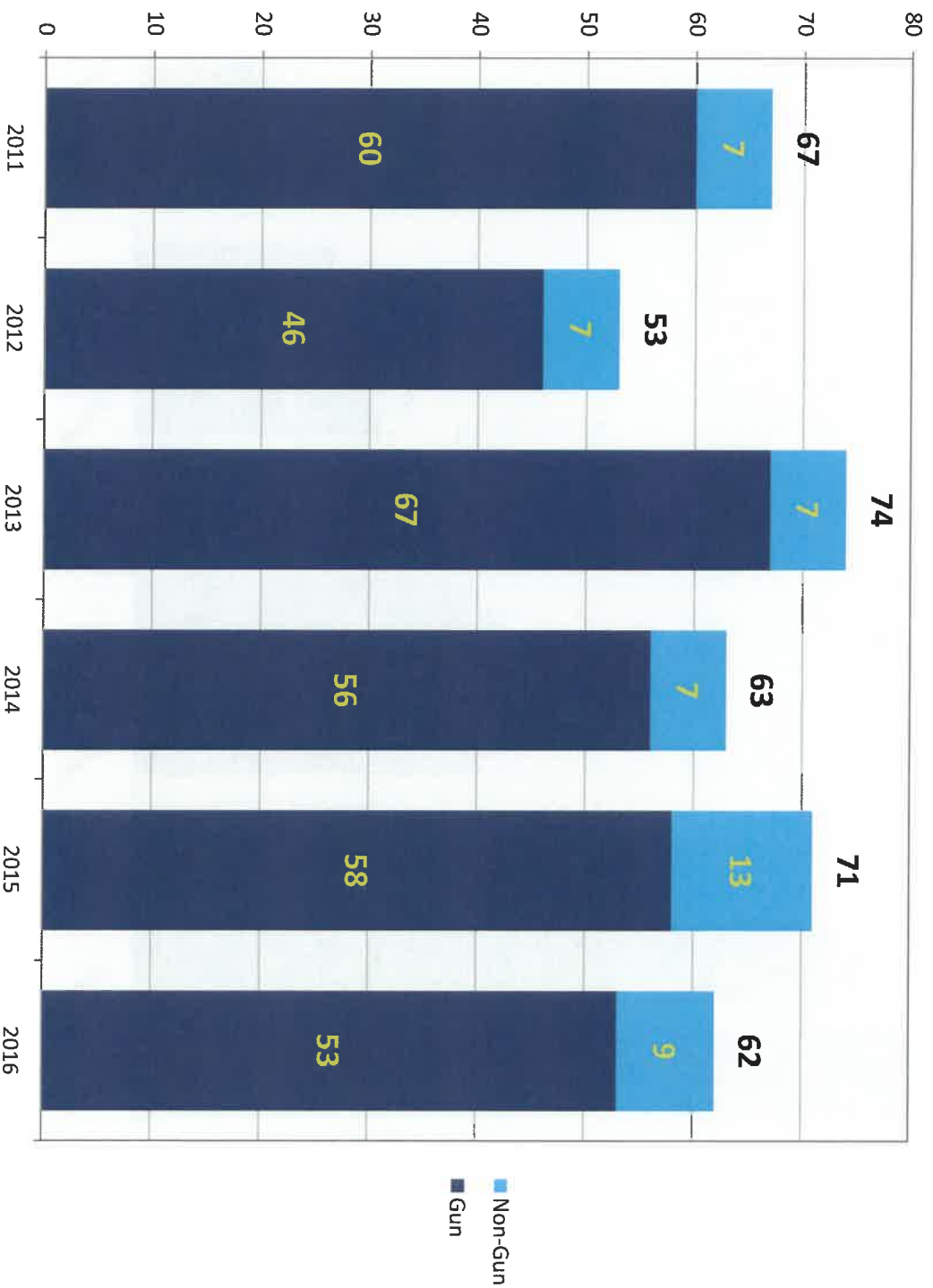
GUN & NON-GUN HOMICIDES

2011 - 2016

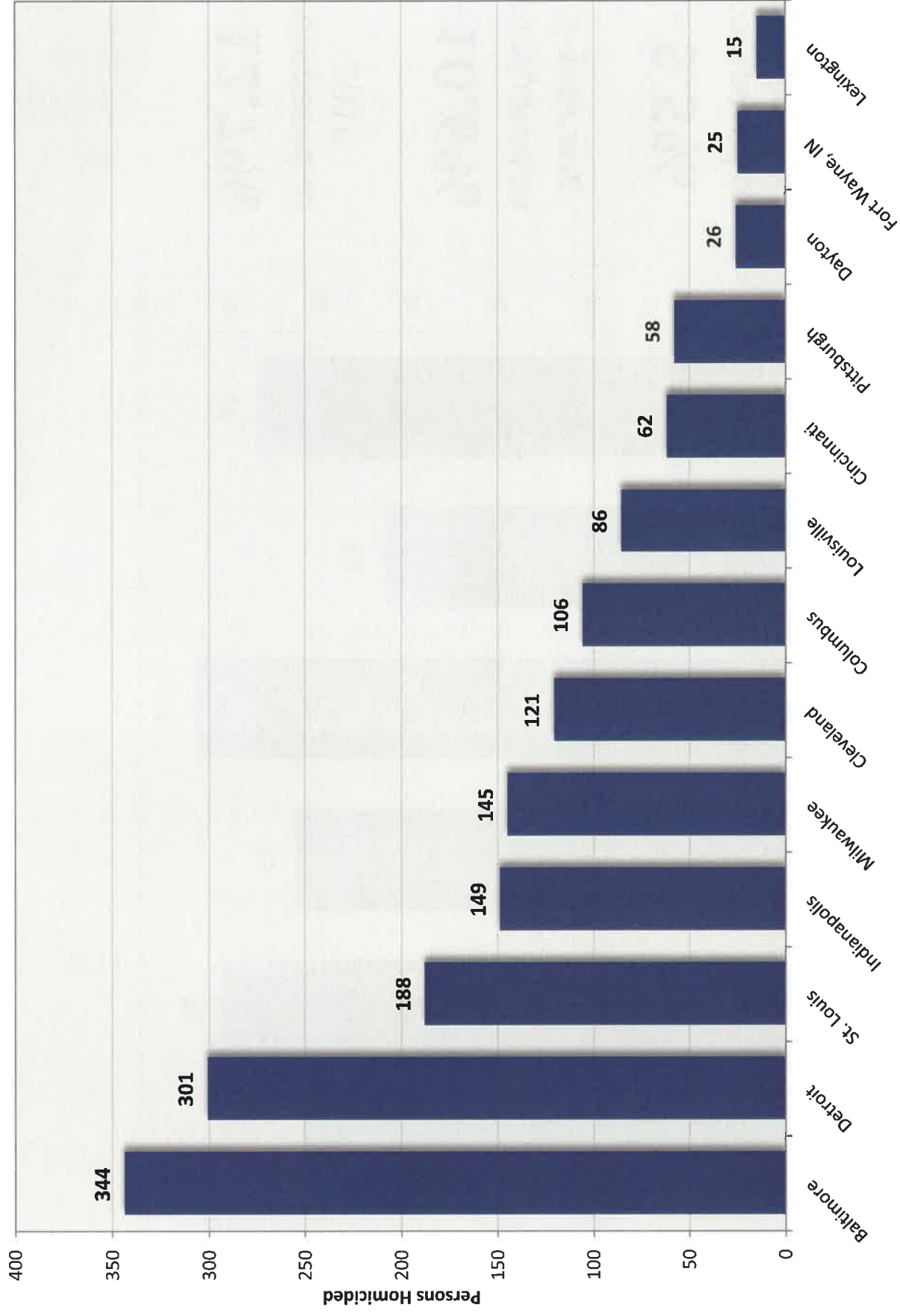
-12.7%
compared to
2015

-10.6%
compared to
3-year avg

-5.5%
compared to
5-year avg



Homicide Counts for Selected Cities: 2016



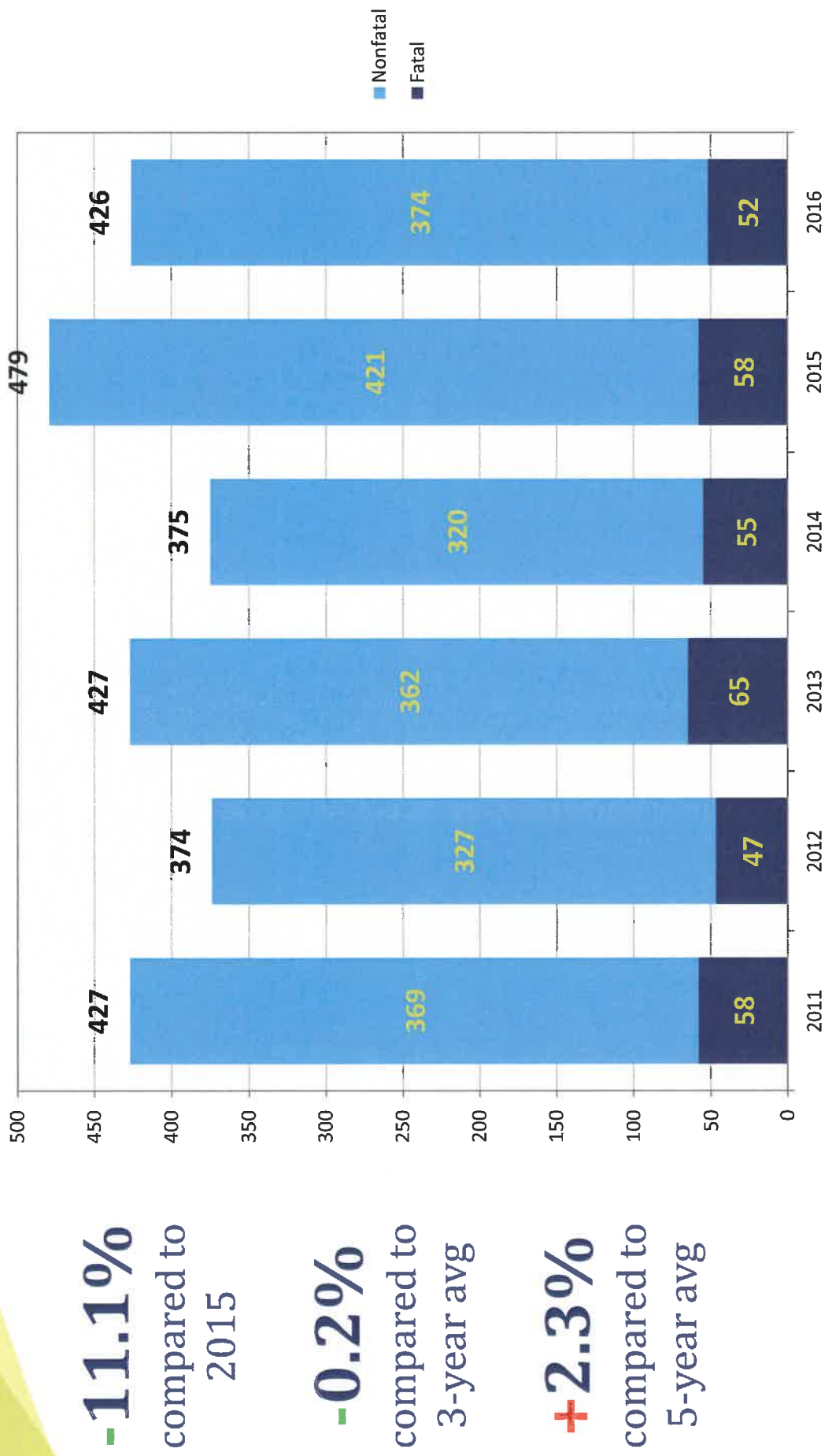
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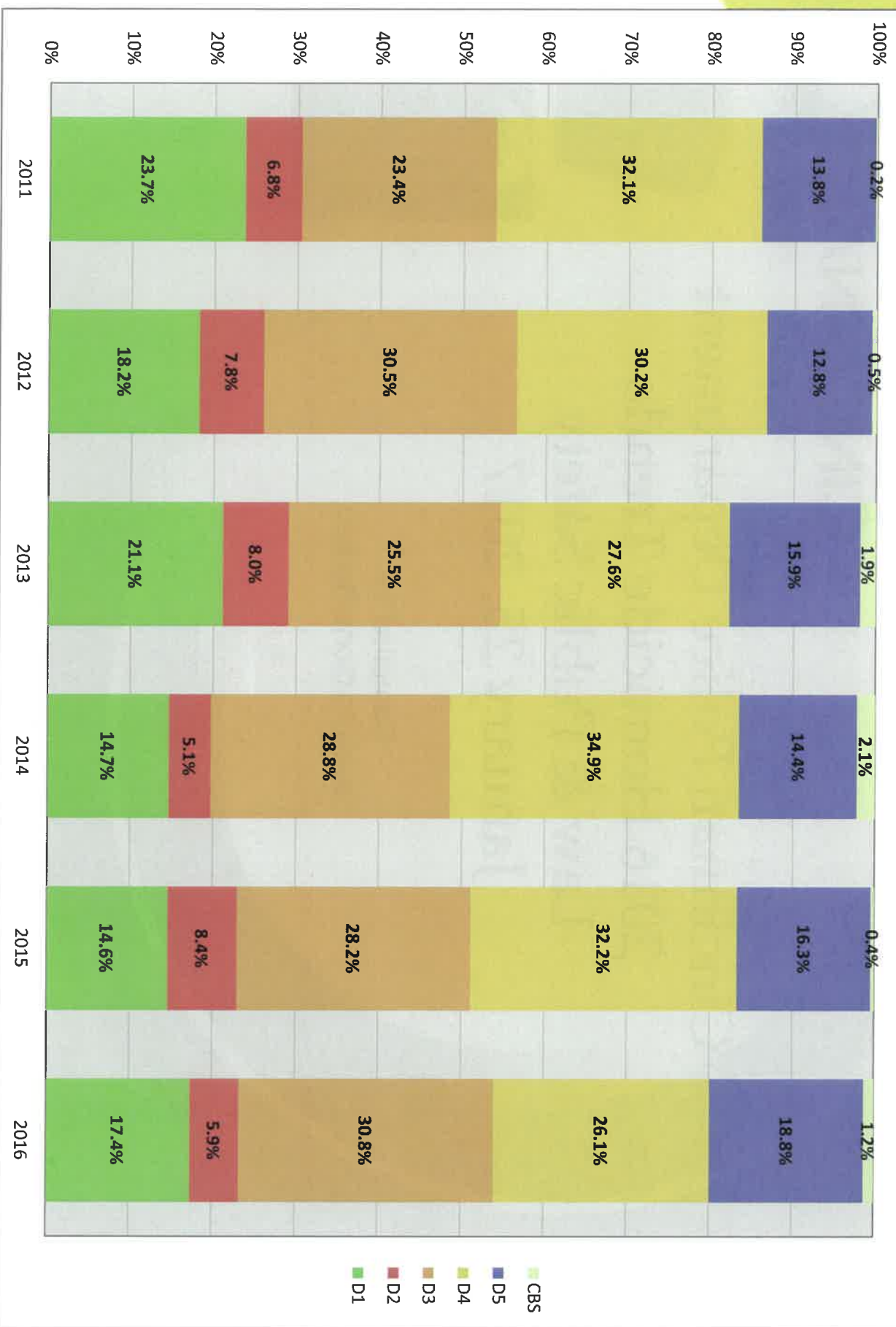
SHOOTING VICTIMS / INCIDENTS

FATAL & NONFATAL SHOOTINGS

2011 - 2016



Shooting Victims (% of total) by District: 2011 - 2016



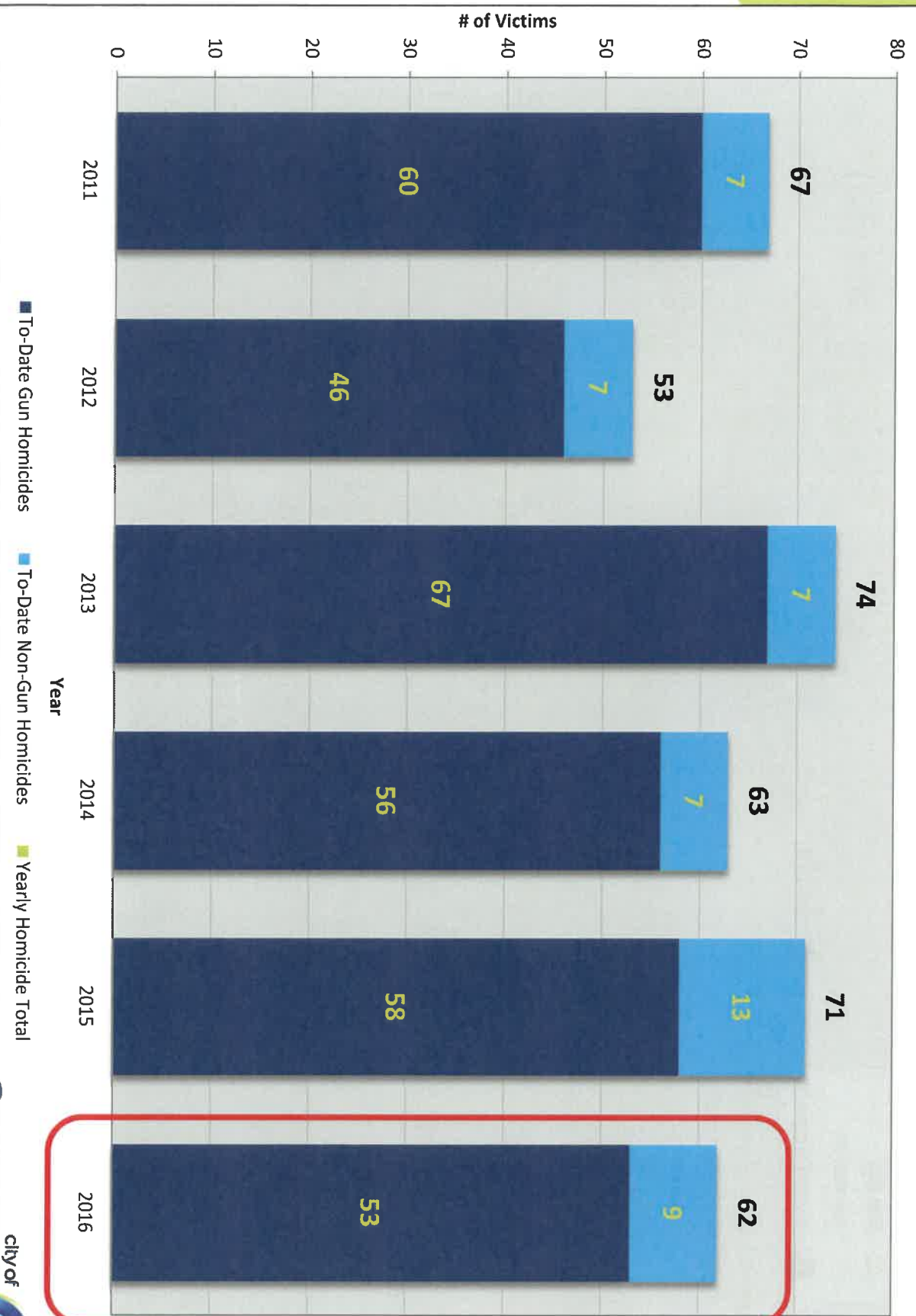


Cincinnati Police Department 2016 Homicide Trends Law & Public Safety January 25, 2017



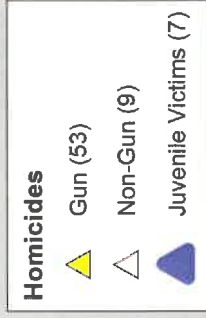
Compiled by:
Investigations Bureau

Annual Totals: Gun and Non-Gun Homicide Victims: 2011 - 2016

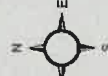
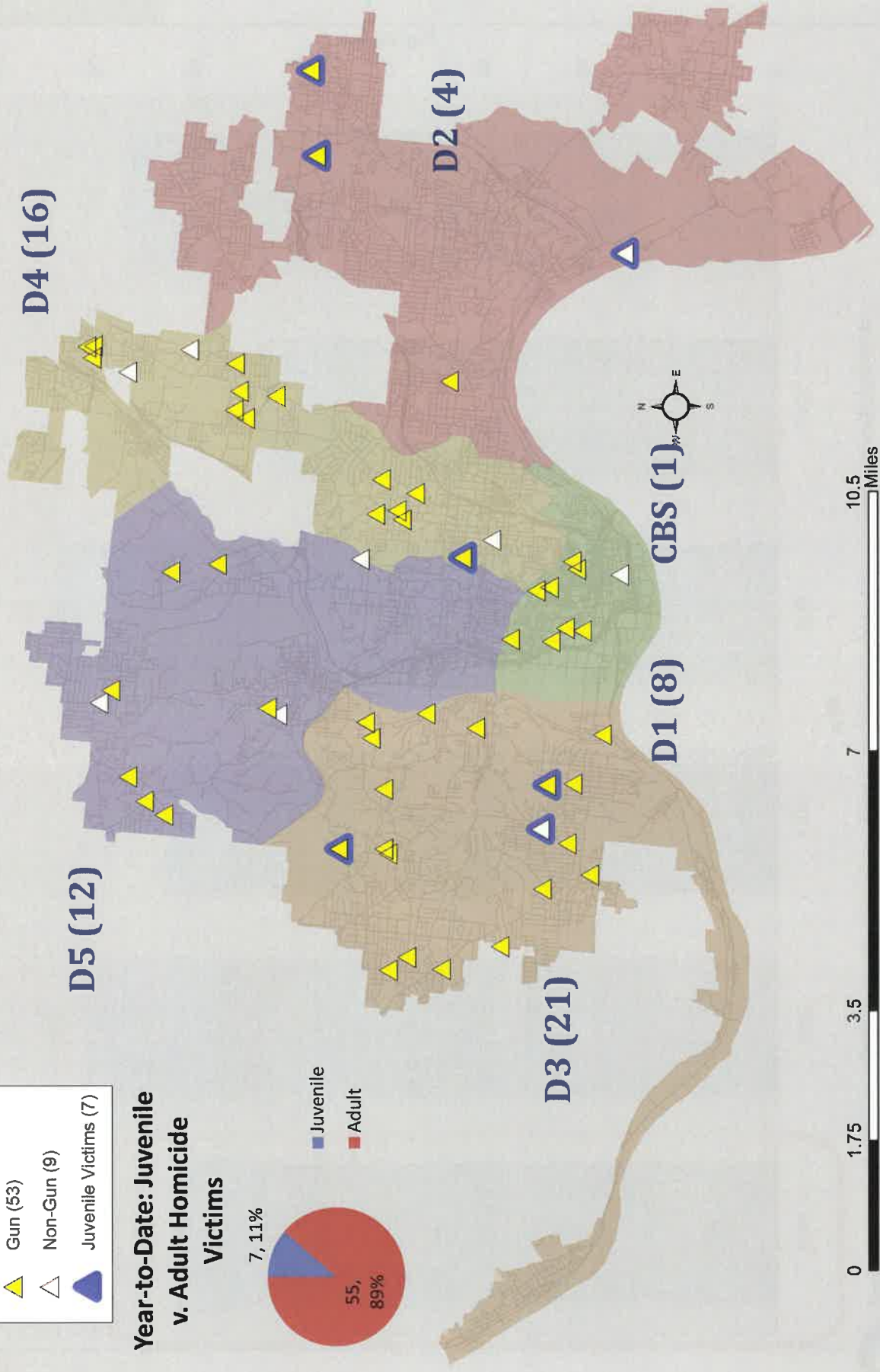
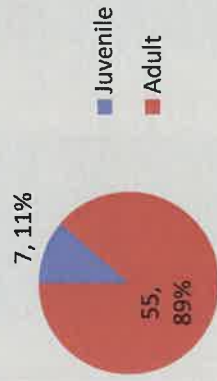


Homicide Victims across Cincinnati:

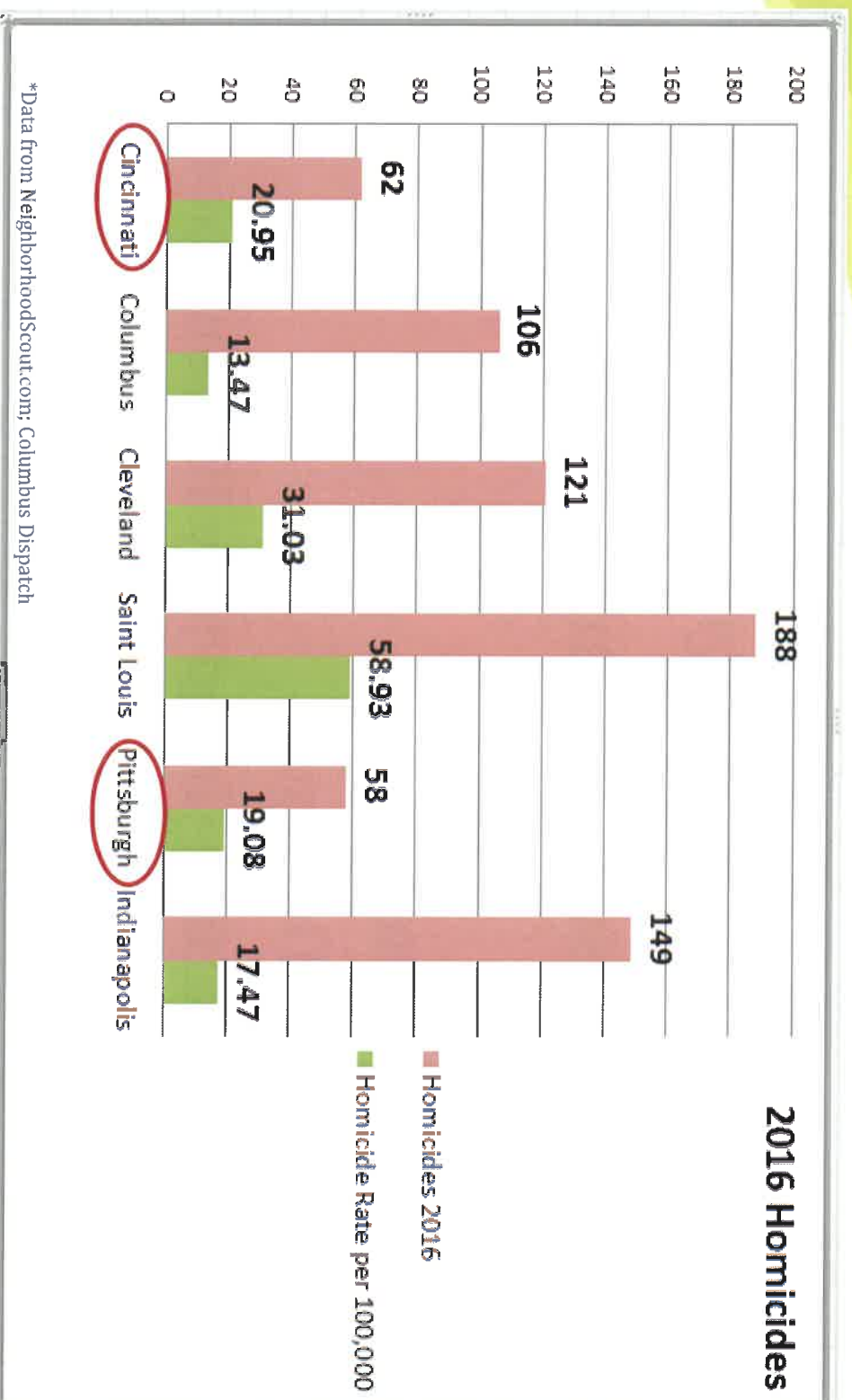
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016



**Year-to-Date: Juvenile
v. Adult Homicide
Victims**



Midwestern Homicide Trends



***Cincinnati (nine fewer) & Pittsburgh (two fewer) were the only cities to see a reduction from 2015**

Case Closure Rate

- 2016 Closure Rate is 62% (2015 – 70%)
- A positive closure is considered:
 - Arrest
 - Death of Offender
 - Prosecution Declined
 - Suspect awaiting Grand Jury Presentation

Observations – Case Study

- 12 cases appear “Pre-Planned Target Specific”
 - Intelligence indicates lack of cohesion between criminal associates
- 9 of these 12 victims had extensive criminal histories including shootings & robberies
- All of these cases – no other motive other than killing the victim.

Method of Operation

- Firearm 53
- Blunt Force or hands 5
- Edged Weapon 2
- Ligature 1
- Suffocation 1
- Adult victims – 55 / Juvenile victims - 7

Victimology

- Victims with extensive criminal history and / or engaged in criminal activity when killed
- 35
- Victims with limited criminal history or not engaged in criminal activity when killed
- 27

35 Victims with extensive criminal history and / or engaged in criminal act when killed

- Retaliation of past criminal act 12

- Sudden
- Engaged
- Killed

Closure Rate 18 of 35
51%

- Killed in self defense 3
- Undetermined motive 1
- Prostitution activity 1

27 Victims with limited criminal history or not engaged in criminal activity when killed

- Sudden personal dispute 9
- Domestic (male) Closure Rate 21 of 27
- Killed 78%
- Undetermined motive 3
- Unintended target 2
- Circumstances deemed accidental 2

Suspect Background

*For closed cases (39)

- Suspects with significant criminal history
 - 25
- Suspects with limited criminal history
 - 14

25 Suspects with significant criminal history


- Involved in drug related robbery 7
- Involved in sudden dispute 7
- Involved in drug activity 5
- Suspect retaliation for past 3
- Family / Girlfriend dispute 2
- Engaged in prostitution 1

14 Suspects with limited criminal history

- Family / domestic dispute 5
- Involved in sudden dispute 4
- Acted in “Self defense” 3
- Event was “accidental” 2

Victim Advocacy & Witness



- Witnesses assisted in 30 of 62 homicides
- *Of these 30; 11 involve engagement in CCRW 
- *These include active investigations
- In 10 cases; witness related factors are not applicable.
- 100% of 2016 cases involving surviving family members are engaged with our Victim's Advocate services

